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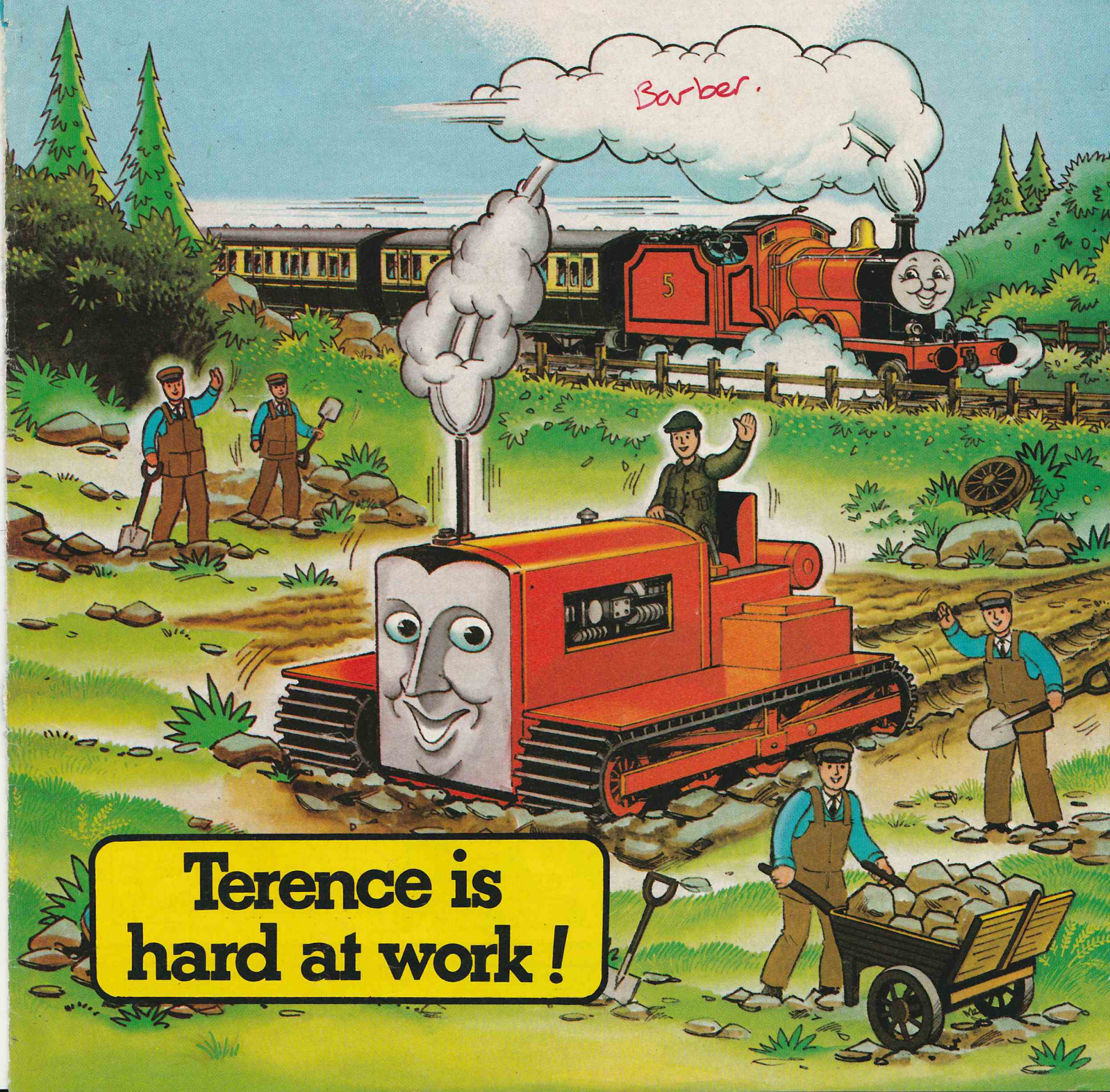

Terence is hard at work!

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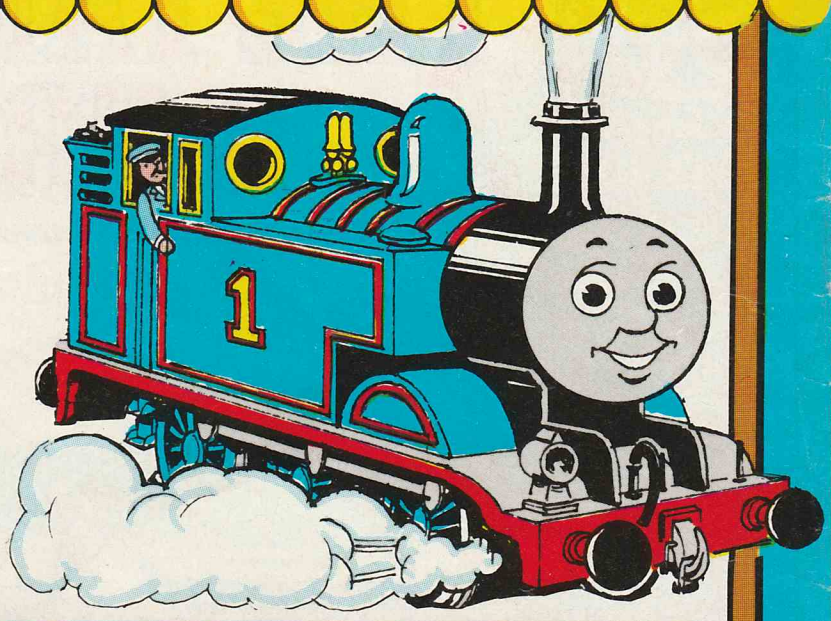

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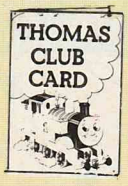

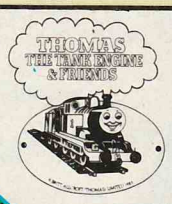

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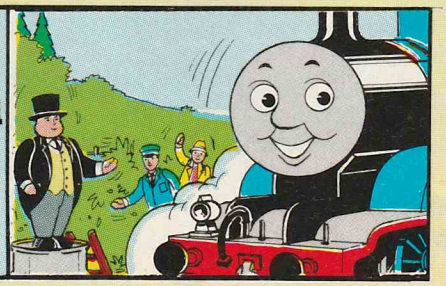

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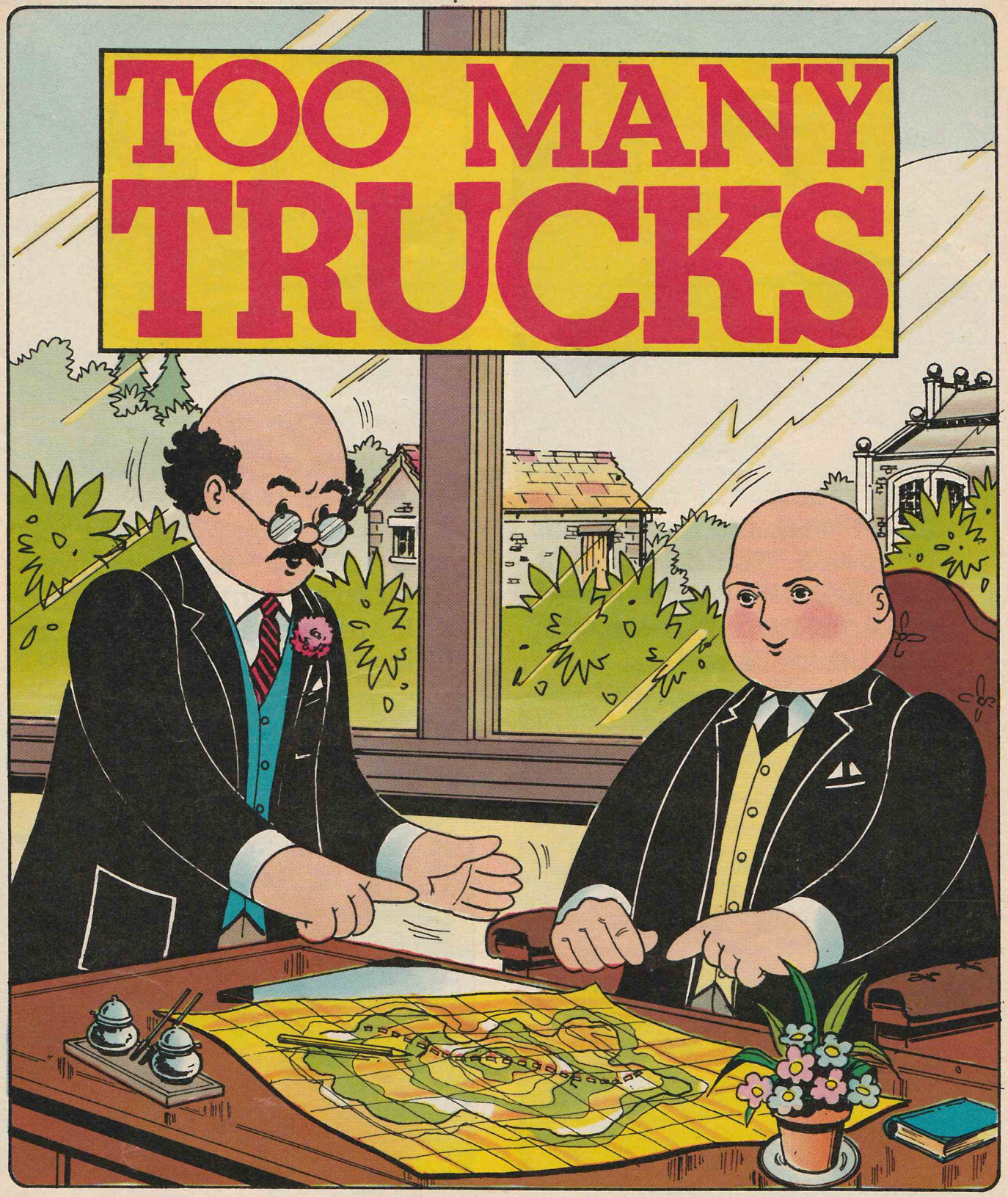
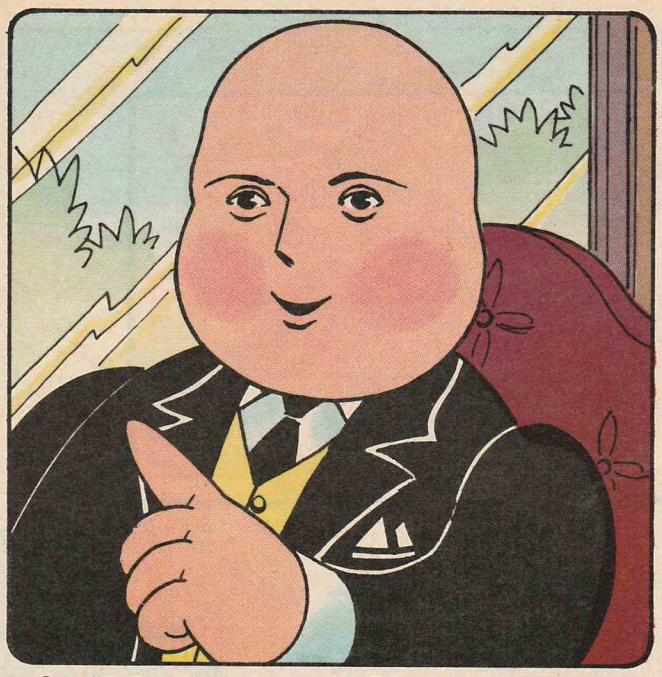
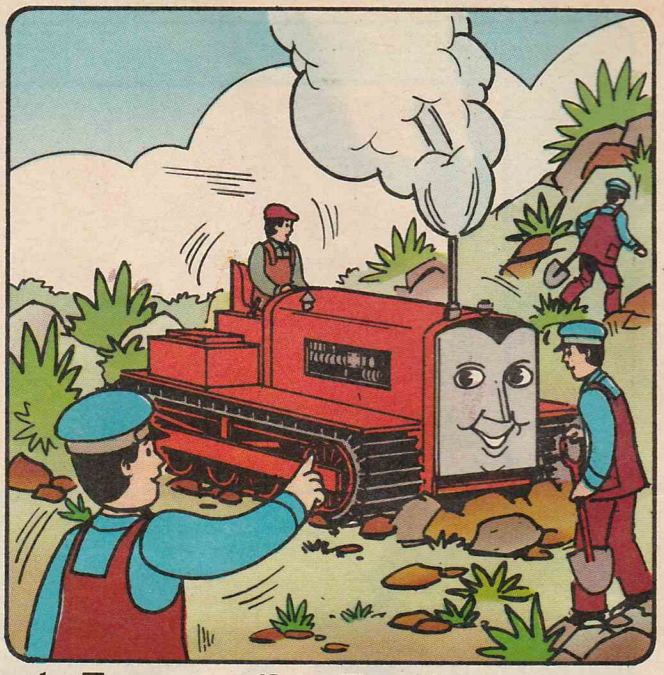


1. The Fat Controller was going to build a new tunnel on the branch line. Instead of a long detour around the big hill, the line would run straight through the tunnel.

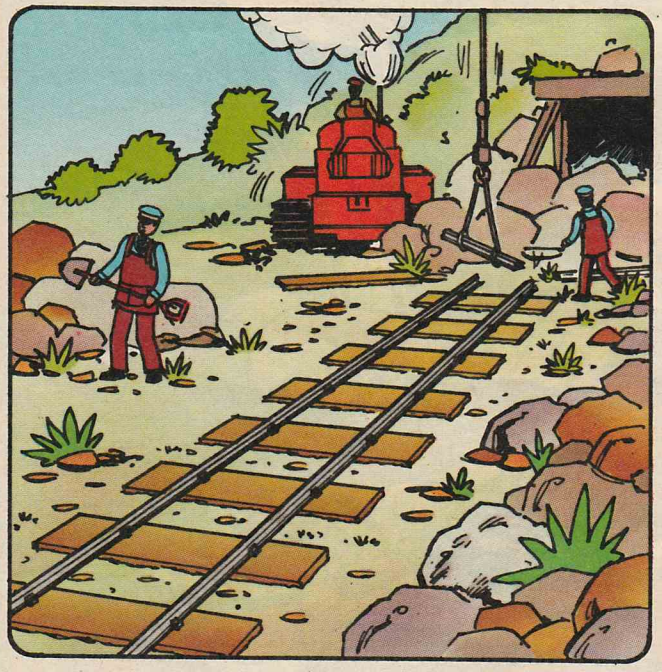
2. Mr. Walsh, the surveyor, drew up a plan for the Fat Controller. The plan showed exactly where the new tunnel would be. The Fat Controller was very pleased.



3. "My trains will be much quicker when the new tunnel is finished," said the Fat Controller. "We shall begin work right away!" There was indeed a lot of work to do.

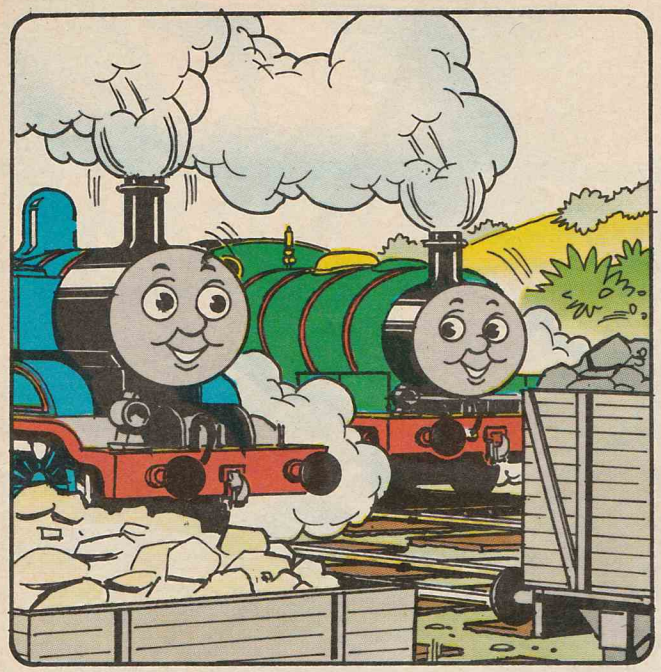


4. Terence the Tractor came along to help. The first job was to clear the way from the branch line to the big hill. Many men had to work to level the ground.

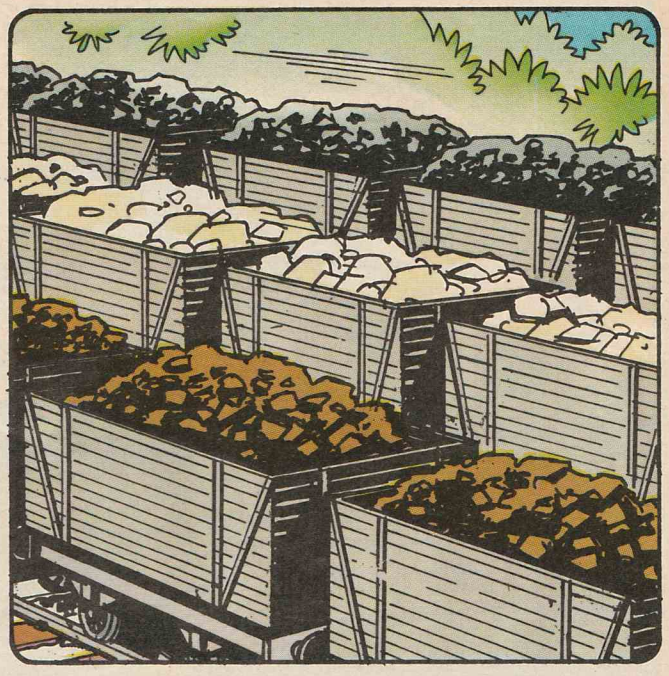


5. New tracks had to be laid down. Then the diggers and drillers came to cut the tunnel through the big hill. There were heaps of stone and earth to clear away.

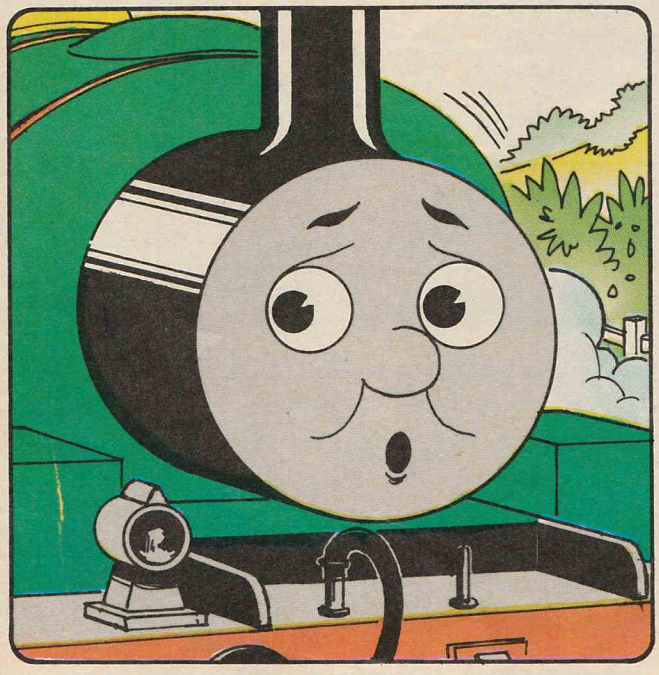
6. There were many extra jobs to do and the engines all had to work very hard. Edward and Duck brought the trucks from the tunnel to the yard at the Big Station.



7. Thomas and Percy were working in the yard. They were shunting all the trucks about, but to tell the truth there were really too many trucks for the yard!

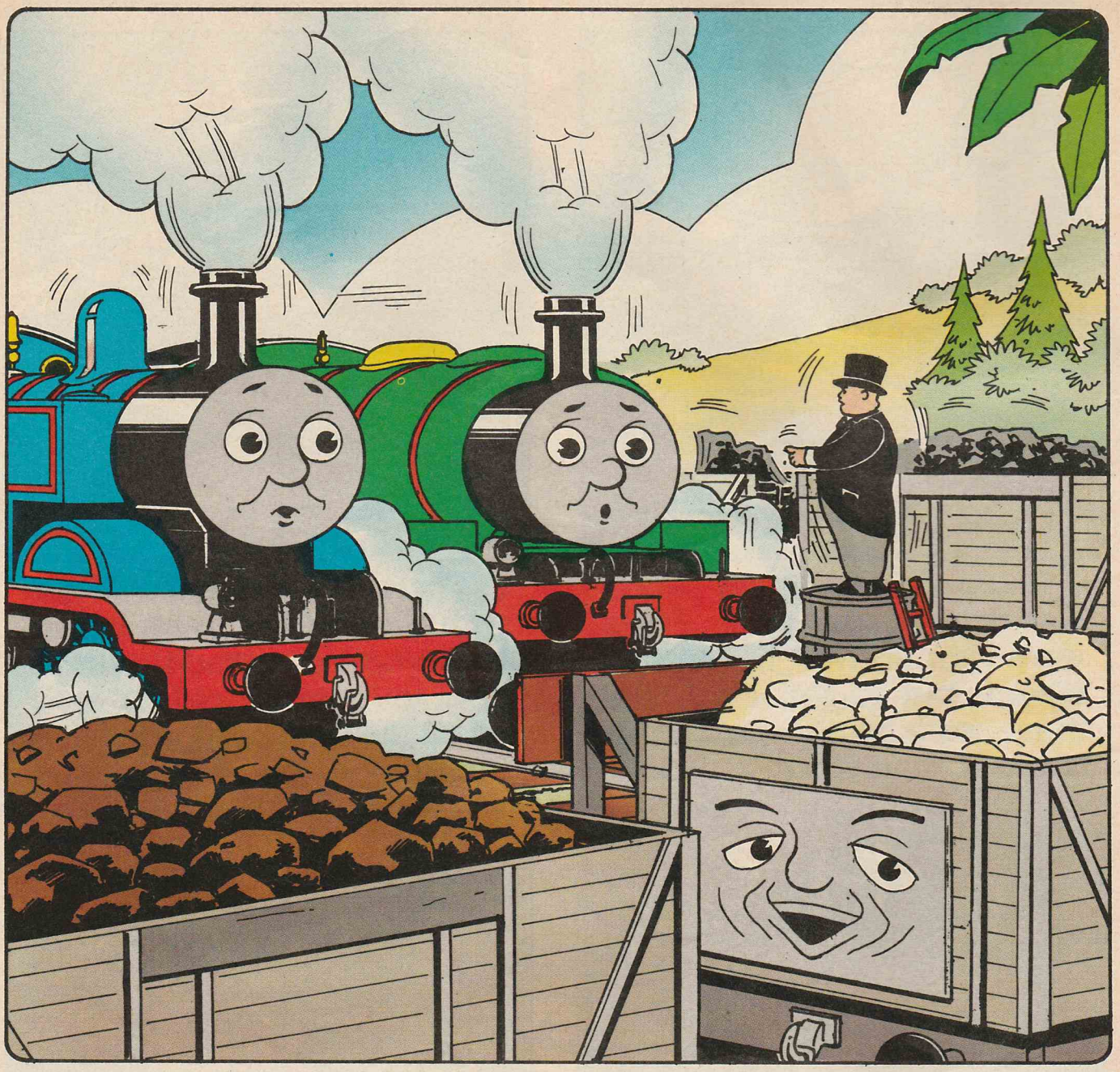


8. There were trucks filled with China Clay to be taken to the harbour, and trucks of coal to be delivered, as well as all the trucks of earth from the tunnel.



9. Thomas and Percy were rushed off their wheels as they struggled to keep up. It was becoming foggy too, which made things more difficult for their drivers.

10. Just then James arrived. "Are my trucks ready, yet?" he asked. But before Thomas had time to fetch them, Boco and Henry arrived for their trucks as well!



11. The yard was getting into quite a muddle, but somehow Thomas and Percy did manage to sort the three impatient engines out! The only problem was, that they gave them each the wrong trucks! Henry delivered a load of earth in place of coal! Boco took the coal down to the harbour instead of the China Clay!

12. James dumped the China Clay at the disused quarry, where he should have dumped the earth! The Fat Controller was very cross. "How did all this happen?" he asked. "Please, sir," pleaded Percy, "There are just too many trucks, sir, for the yard." The Fat Controller looked at the yard. Percy was right.

The story continues on page 13!

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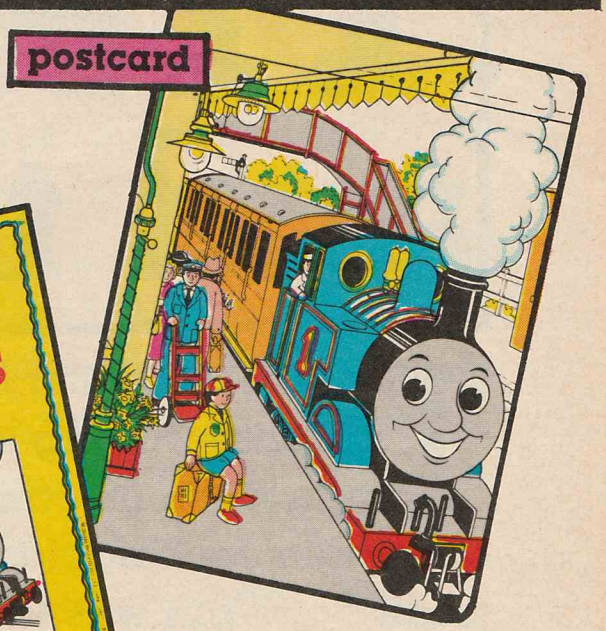

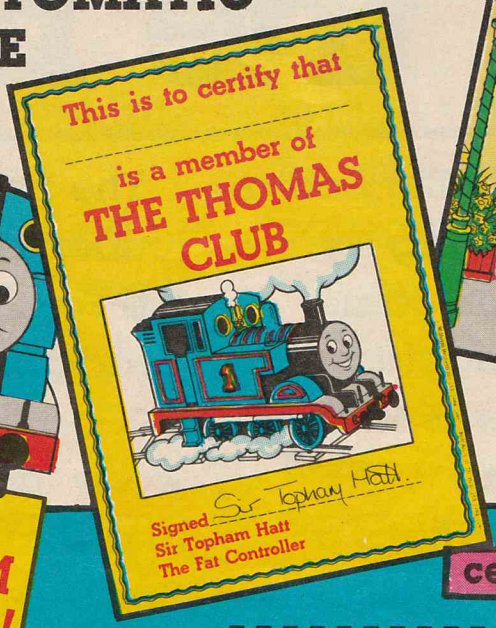

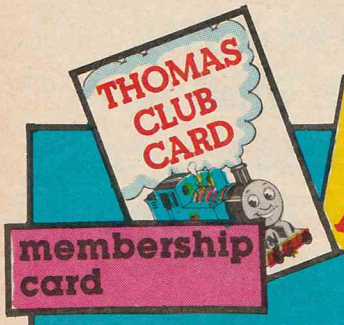

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A read-aloud story!

Thomas and the Baby

The Fat Controller had a surprise waiting for him when he came downstairs for breakfast. A small baby girl was sitting up in a cot crying.

"Bless my soul. What's a baby doing here?" he said.

Lady Topham Hatt laughed. "This is Tina, my friend's baby. My friend has had to go into hospital today for a check-up, and I promised to look after Tina for her."

baby

The baby's crying grew louder and louder. It gave the Fat Controller quite a headache.

"Goodness, she sounds worse than Gordon when he's in a bad mood," said the Fat Controller. "Why is she crying so much?"

His wife sighed. "I don't know. I've fed and changed Tina but I can't get her to sleep. She must be missing her Mummy. I hope she isn't going to cry all day."

When the Fat Controller came home for lunch Tina was still crying. His poor wife looked quite worn out.

"You need a treat," he said, gently cradling the baby in

his arms. "Bring the baby to the station. She might cheer up when she sees all the trains."

Thomas was pleased to meet Tina. "What a lovely baby," he said. "But I wonder why she is crying? Perhaps my whistle will make her laugh."

Thomas's driver pulled his whistle. "Peep, peep," went Thomas. The baby cried louder than ever.

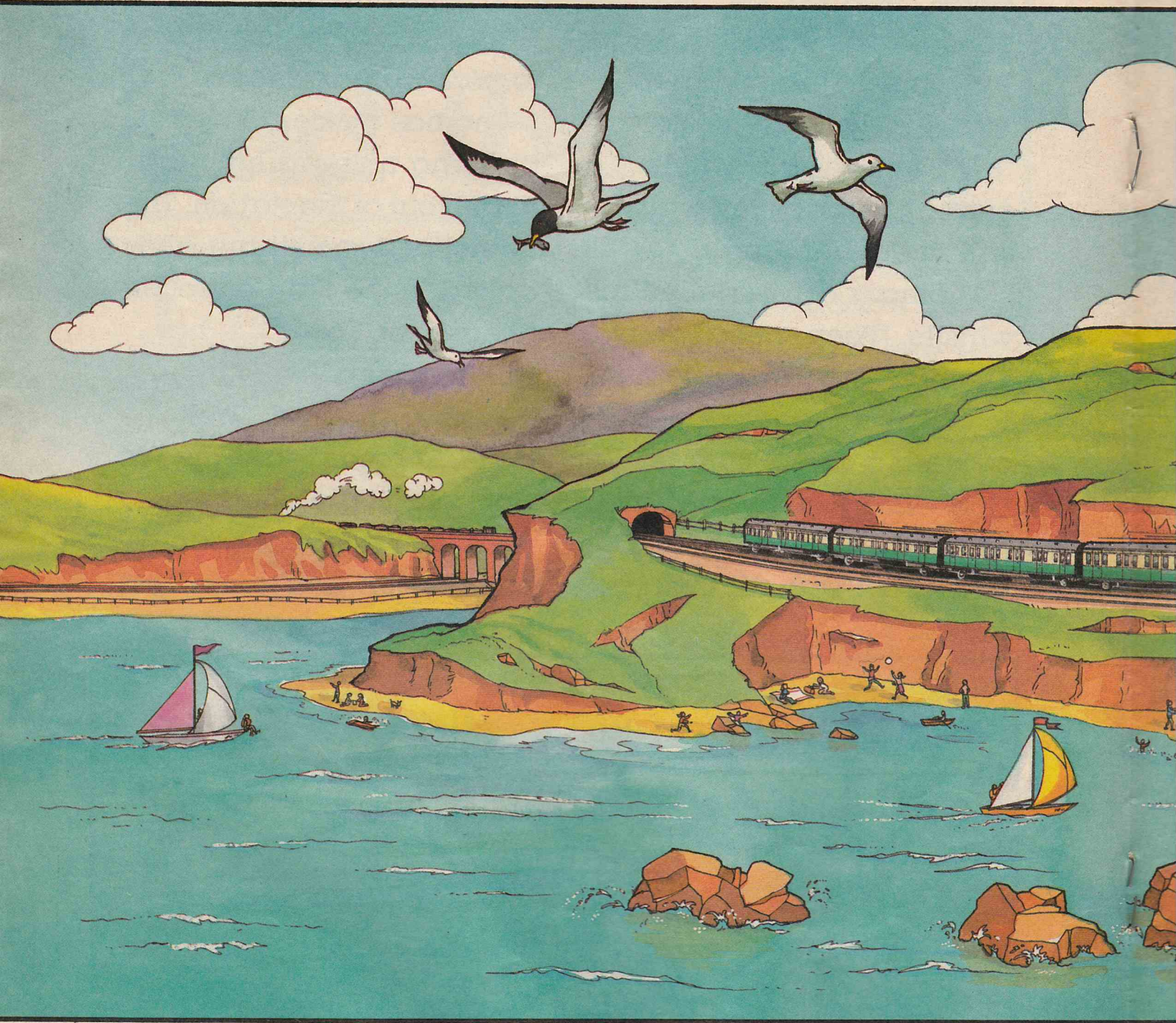
"What a to-do," said the Fat Controller. "I shouldn't have let the baby come here. I can't work with all this racket."

Thomas's fireman stoked his fire ready for Thomas to pull his coaches, Annie and Clarabel, to the next station to pick up passengers.

Thomas made a low chuffing noise as he began to pull out of the station. Then he noticed something and called to the Fat Controller. "Please, sir. The baby has fallen asleep."

And so she had. "Well done, Thomas," said the Fat Controller. "The chuffing noise you make has soothed her to sleep. You're the best baby-minder on Sodor."

Behind the



Which engine can you see?

What number is he?

Is he pulling trucks?

What colour is the lighthouse door?

How many yachts are so

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Which seagull has caug

Has a train just passed

lighthouse!

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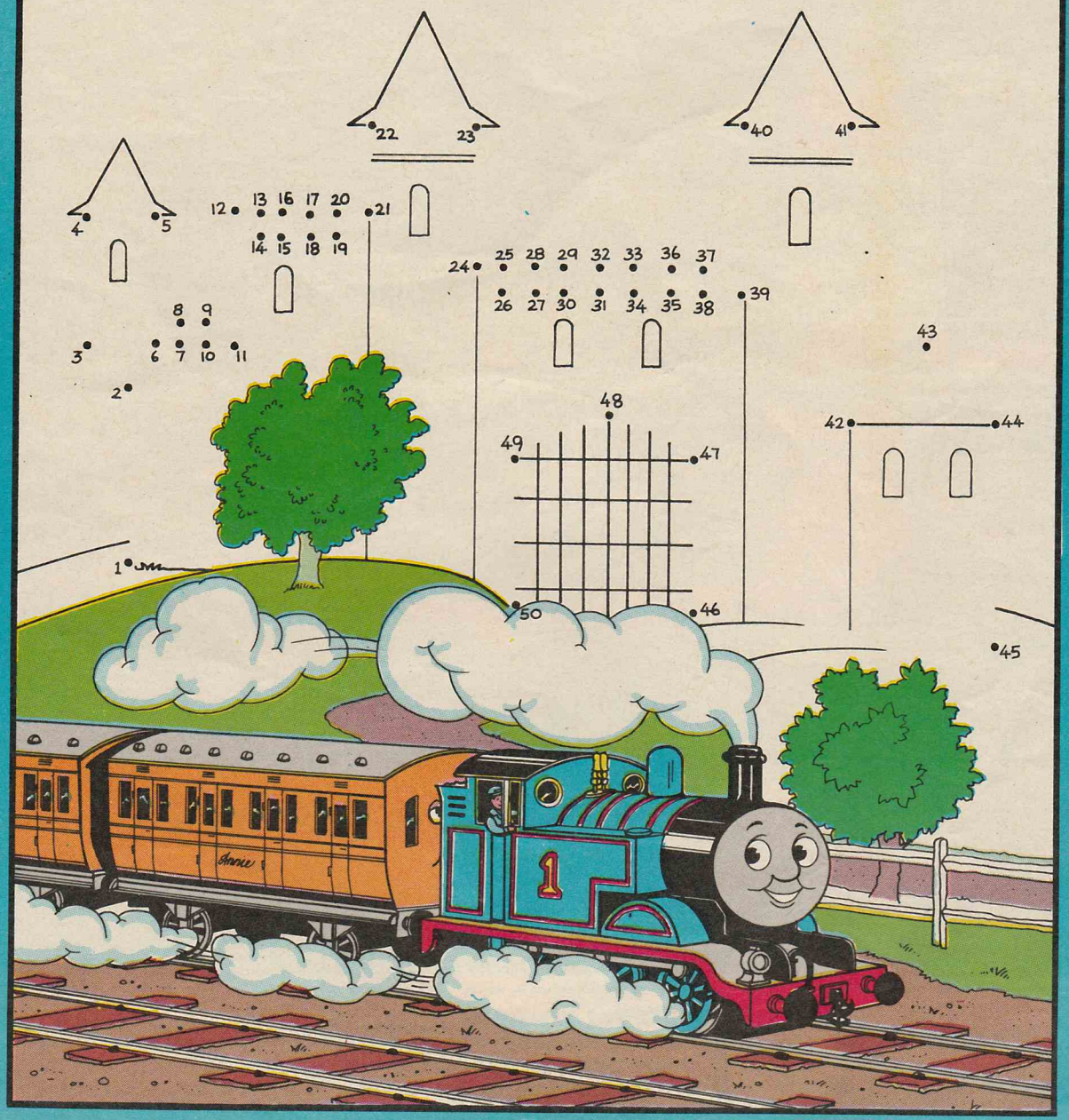
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the magazine with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting aong the dotted line. There is a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room?

Next: Into the tunnel!

JOIN THE DOTS!

What is Thomas puffing past?
Join the dots and find out fast!



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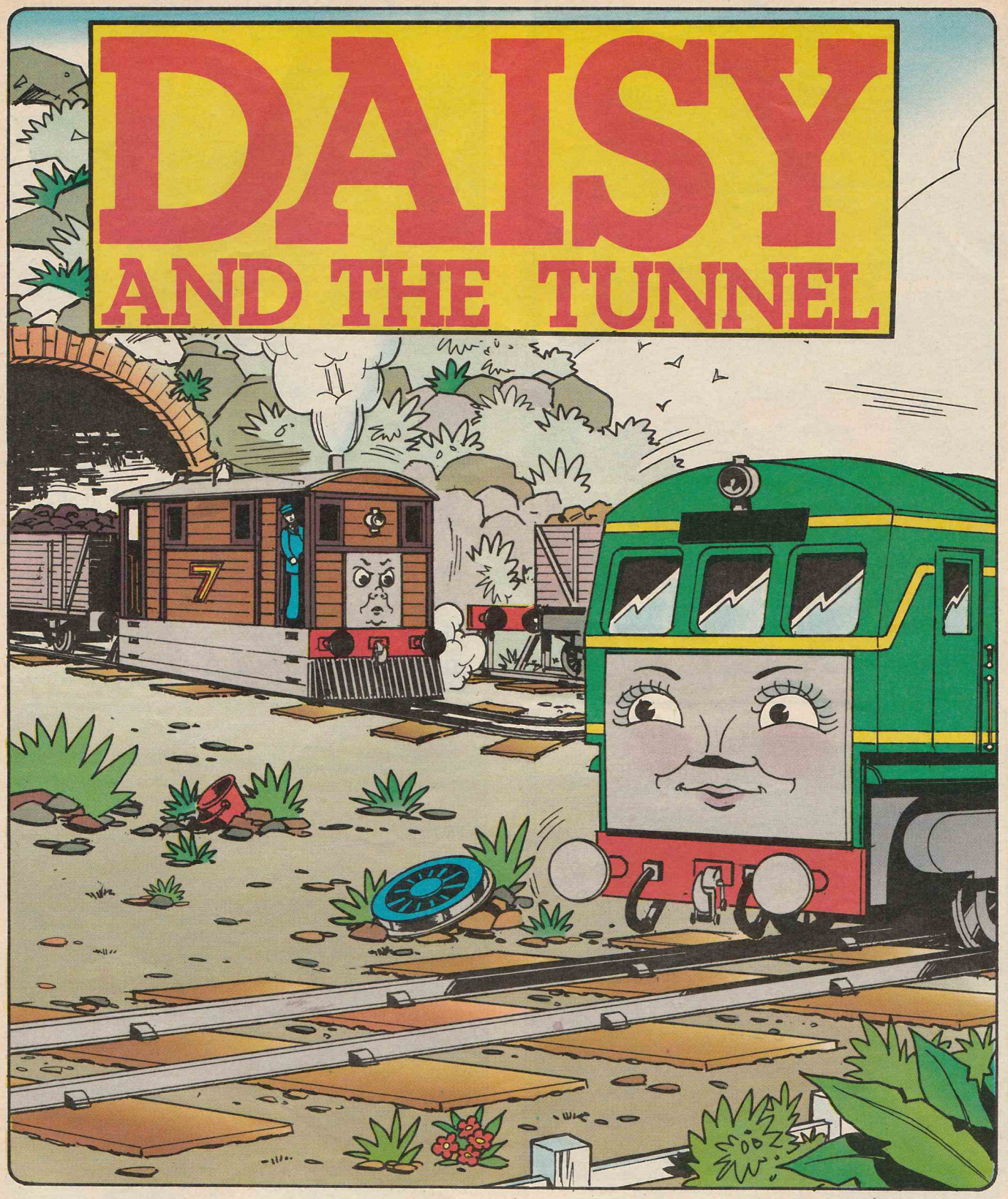
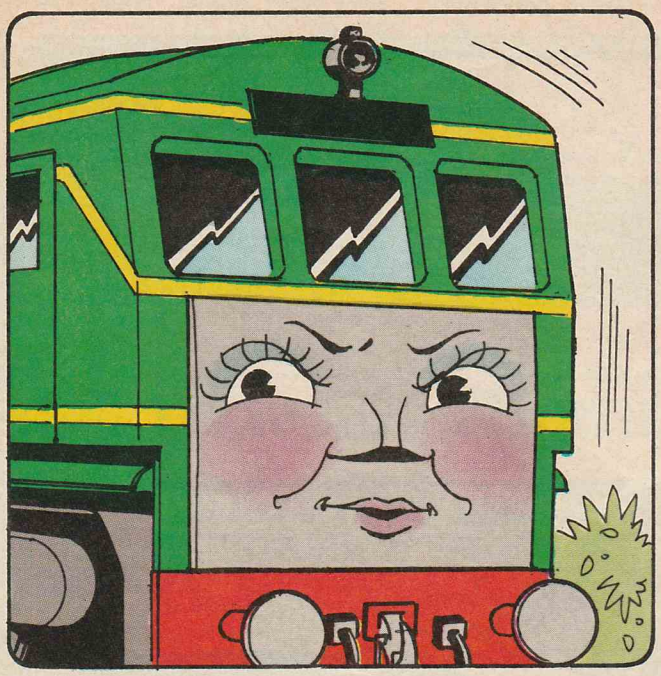
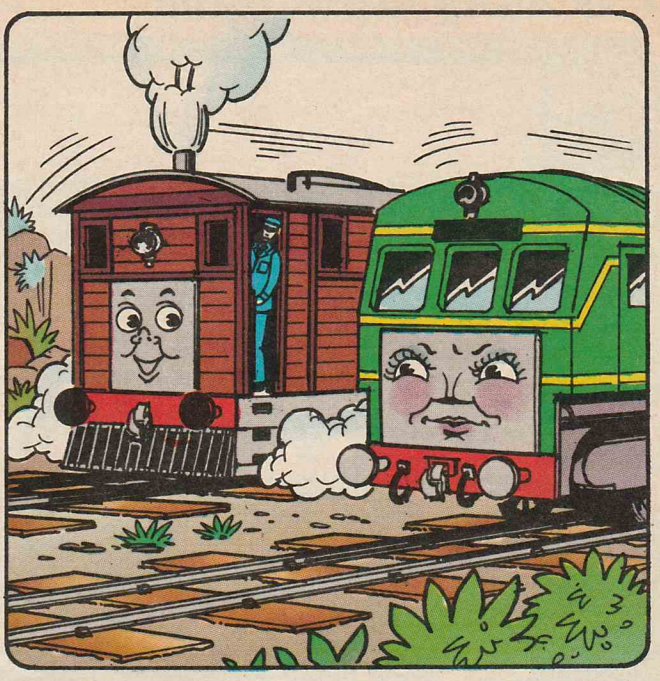


1. The Fat Controller had extra sidings laid down in the yard to cope with the trucks from the new tunnel, but it was still hard work for Percy and Thomas.

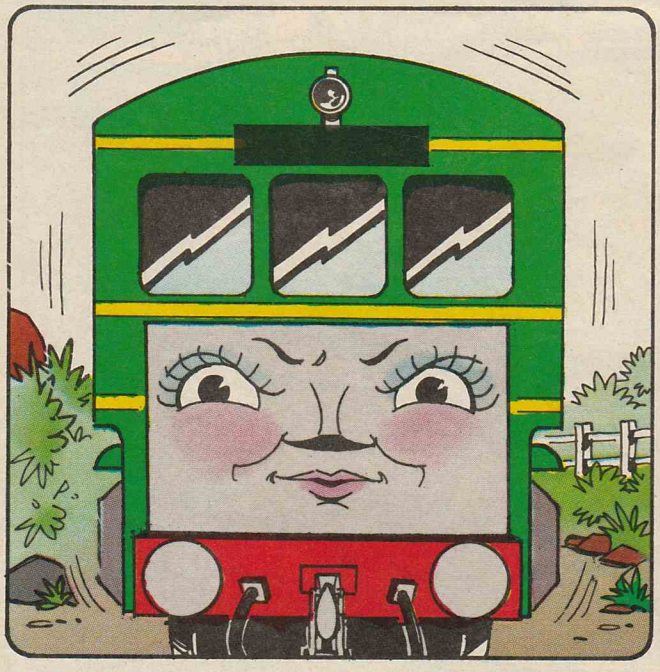
2. The tunnel was very long, but the work was going well. The diggers and drillers were working deep inside the Big Hill. They had to wire up lights so they could see.



3. "I'm glad that I don't have to work in there," said Daisy to Toby, one day. Toby was bringing trucks of earth out of the tunnel, with his coach, Henrietta, behind.



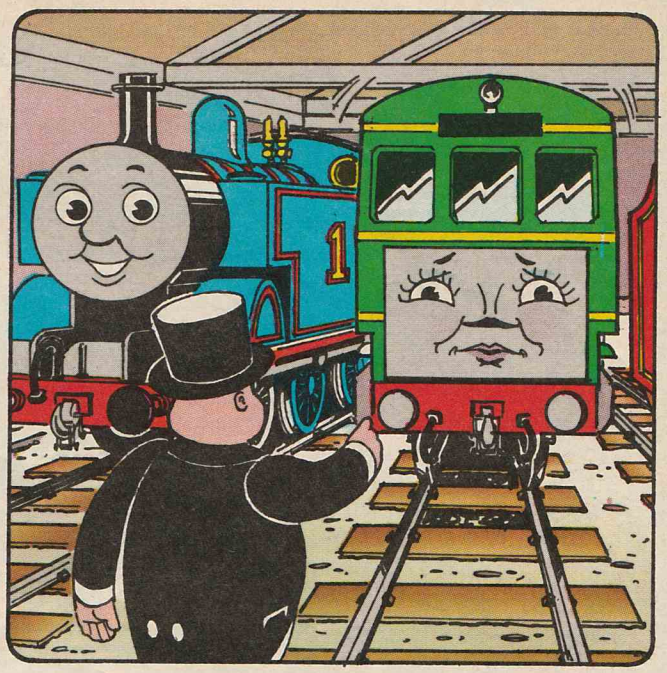
4. "It's not so bad," said Toby. "They have lights in there now!" "I'm sure you'd like it, really," Henrietta added. "Oh! No," said Daisy. "Tunnels are not for me!"



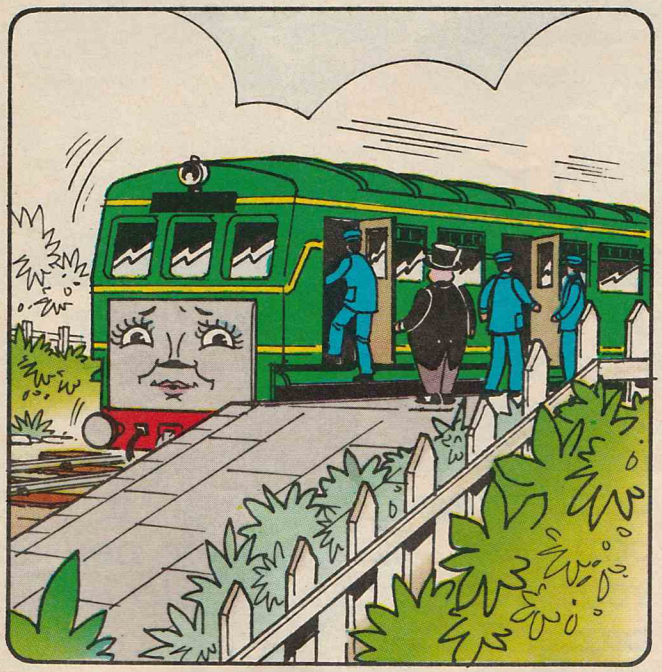
5. "I don't want to be down under the ground!" continued Daisy. "It's dark and dirty and I wouldn't like it at all! No, you'll never catch me going in that tunnel!"

6. All the engines were very excited to hear that the diggers had reached the far side of the hill. As soon as track was laid the first engine could go through.

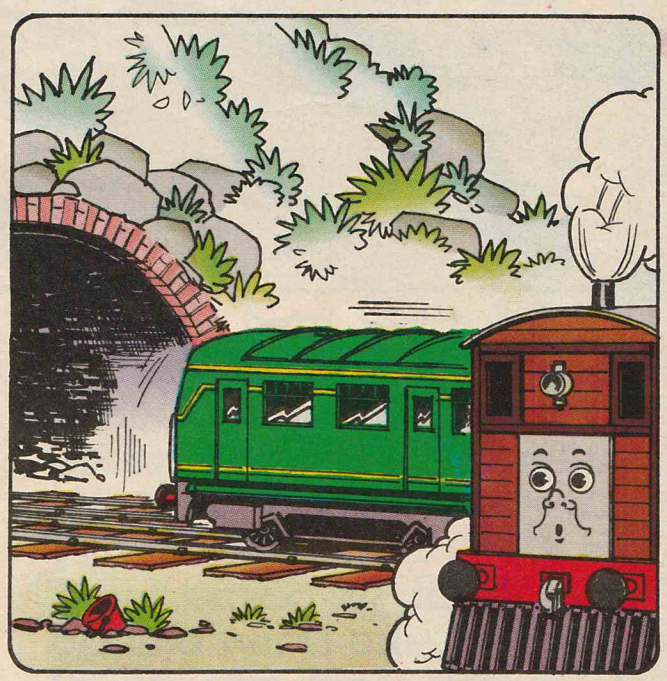
7. Any other engine would have loved to be asked, but when the Fat Controller came to ask Daisy to be the first one through the tunnel, she wasn't pleased at all!



8. "Please, but I don't want to, thank you, sir," said Daisy. "What nonsense!" said the Fat Controller. "You are a modern diesel railcar. Of course, you'll do it!"



9. The Fat Controller and his engineers all climbed on board. Poor Daisy. She was frightened of going into the tunnel, but what could she do about it now?



10. Daisy slid nervously towards the new tunnel. Then just as she was about to go in, she jammed her brakes on tight! Daisy screeched to a stop. She wouldn't go in.

11. Her driver tried to coax her and her guard tried to coax her, but Daisy wouldn't budge. "We'll just have to take Toby instead!" said the Fat Controller. He was very cross. "Wait, sir, please," said Toby. "I'm sure Daisy can do it! I'm sure Daisy can do it!" "Yes, you can!" said Henrietta. "Yes, you can!" Daisy thought, "Perhaps they are right."

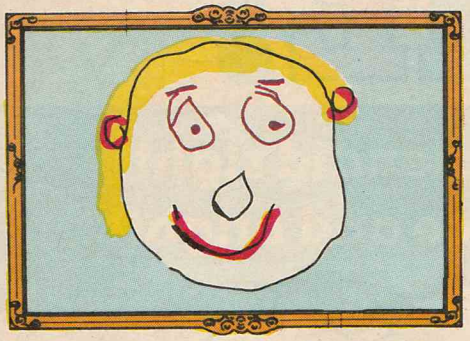
12. Reluctantly, Daisy let off her brakes. "You can do it, you can do it," sang Henrietta as Daisy slid into the dark tunnel. "I can do it, I can do it," sang Daisy nervously. She was trying to be brave. The tunnel was a long one, but soon Daisy came out the other side. "I did it! I did it!" she cried, proudly, and, indeed, she had.

THE END

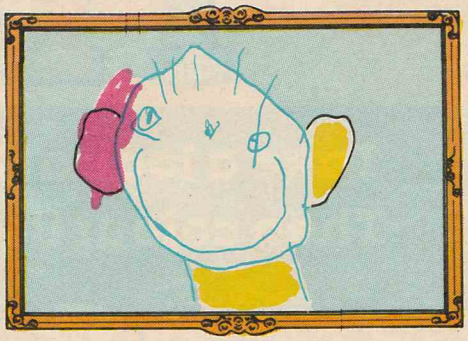
In our next issue: Pooh! A fishy smell!

FACE IN THE MIRROR

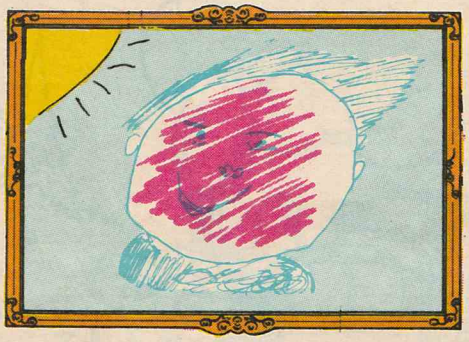
Do you remember issue 39? We asked you to draw a picture of your own face on the colouring page and send it in to us. Well, here are just a few of the many splendid drawings that we received!



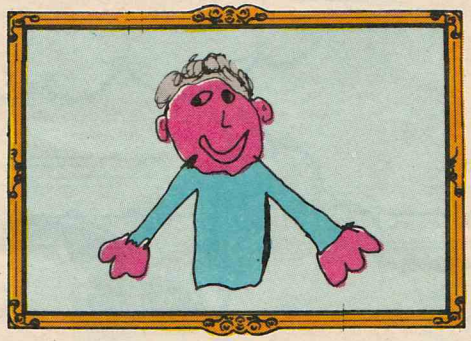
This is a very smart picture of **James Burgess**. He is aged 4.



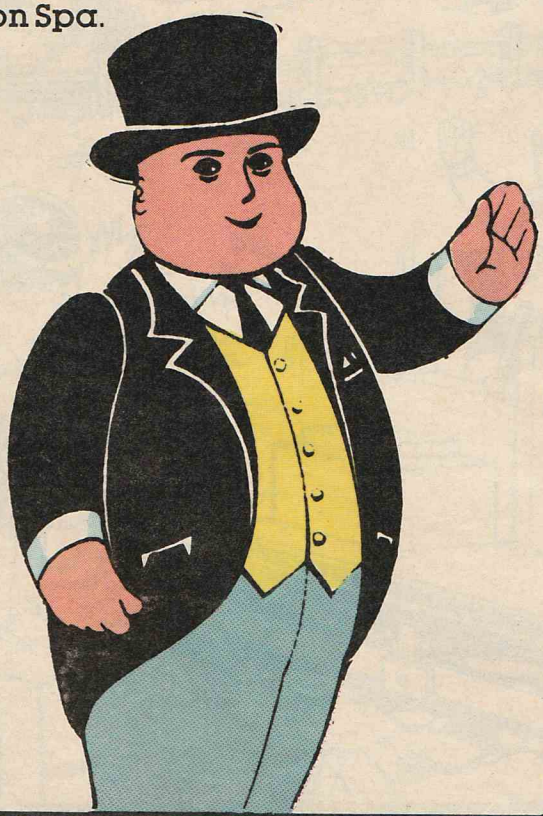
This happy, smiling face belongs to **James Smith**, aged 3, from Stevenage.

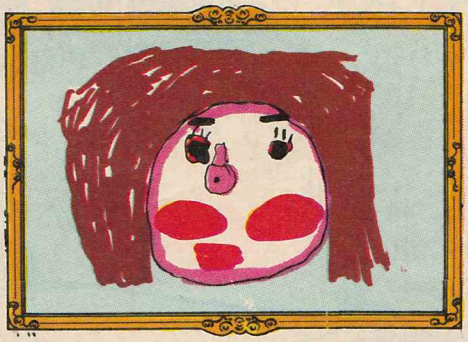


This young fellow enjoying the bright sunshine is **Peter Winters**, aged 3, from Boston Spa.

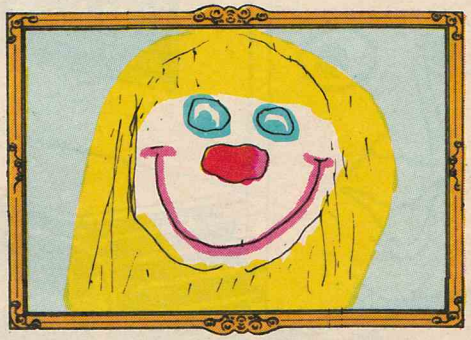


This curly haired fellow is **Russell Wheatley**, aged 6, from Berwickshire.





This is **Melanie Ross**, from Wiltshire. Her membership number is 3084.



This cheery face is **Emily**, aged 4.

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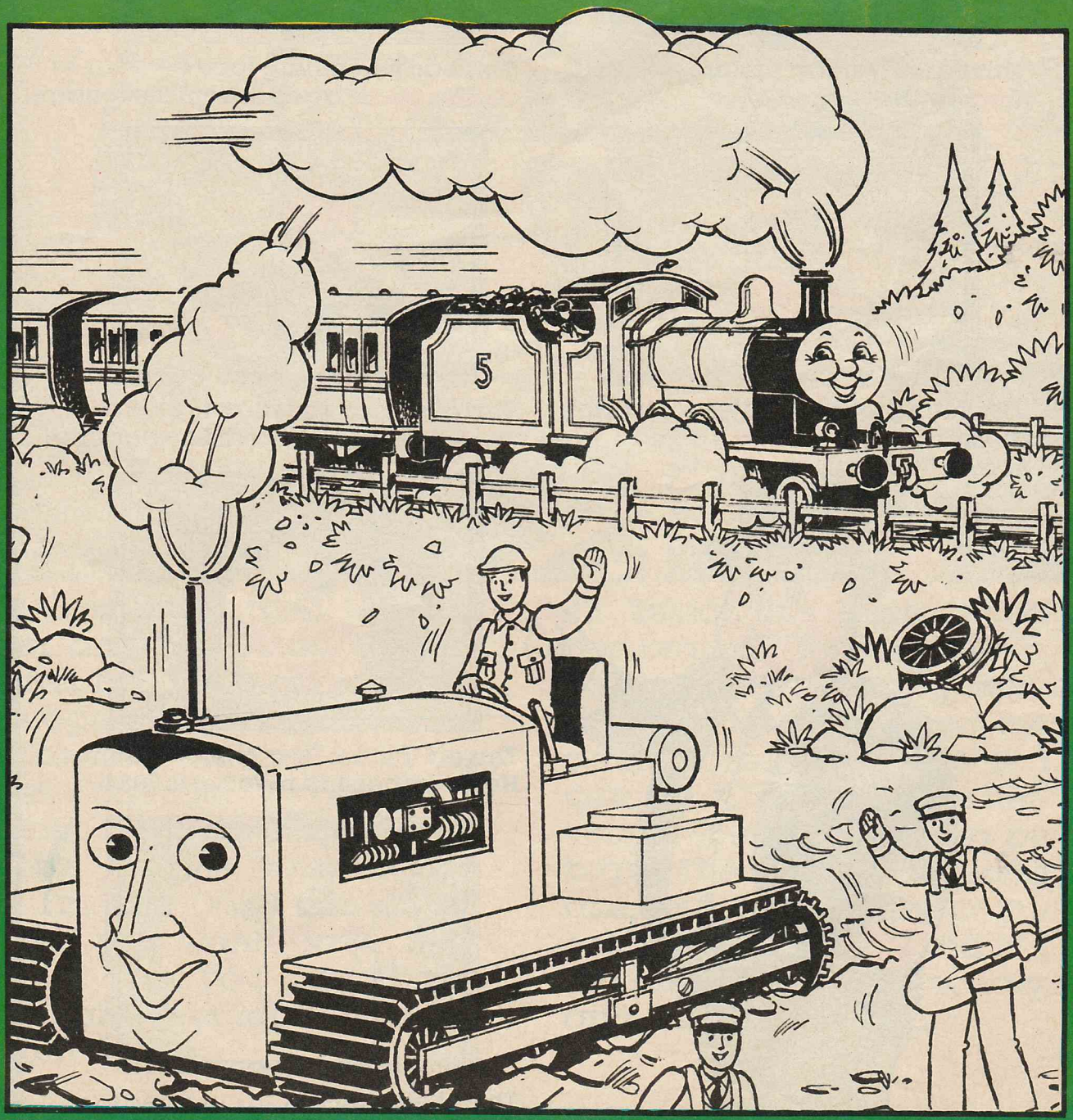

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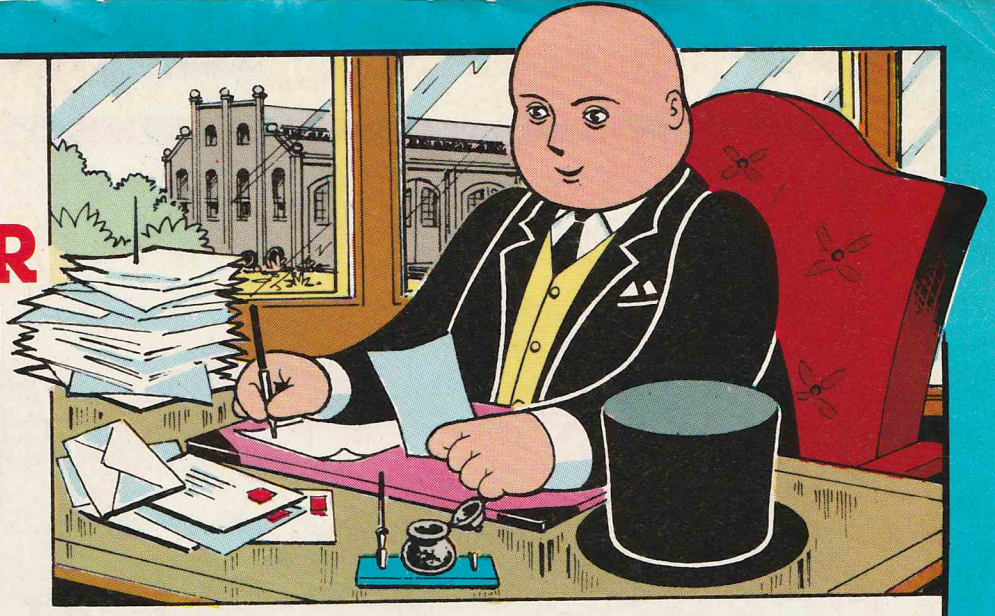

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I have collected every issue of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends and my favourite part was the cut out game in issues 34 to 37. It is now my best game!
Love from **David**, aged 4.

I am so pleased that you enjoy the game so much. My wife and I also agree that it is a splendid game to play.

David wins a set of Thomas vinyl stickers, from Scorpio Products International Ltd.

COINCIDENCE!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite colour is red and my name is James. So James is my favourite engine.
Love from **James.**

That is very understandable, indeed!

COME HOME!

Dear Fat Controller,
Please can you send Donald and Douglas back to visit us in Scotland. I think that they must feel homesick!
From **Robbie**, aged 5.

Donald and Douglas are much needed on the Island of Sodor just at the moment. But one day I am sure that they will return back home.

NAUGHTY DIESEL!

Dear Fat Controller,
Send Diesel away because he tells lies about Duck and the trucks.
Love from **Nicky**, aged 6.

Although Diesel is sometimes a difficult engine to work with, he is still a valuable part of my team of engines. So I will keep him for now.

TRUCK PULLING!

Dear Fat Controller,
Why doesn't Thomas pull trucks like most of the other engines?
From **Andrew**, aged 5.

Thomas's main job on the Island of Sodor is to work with Annie and Clarabel. However, he does occasionally pull trucks if he is needed to do so.

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Sir Topham Hatt.
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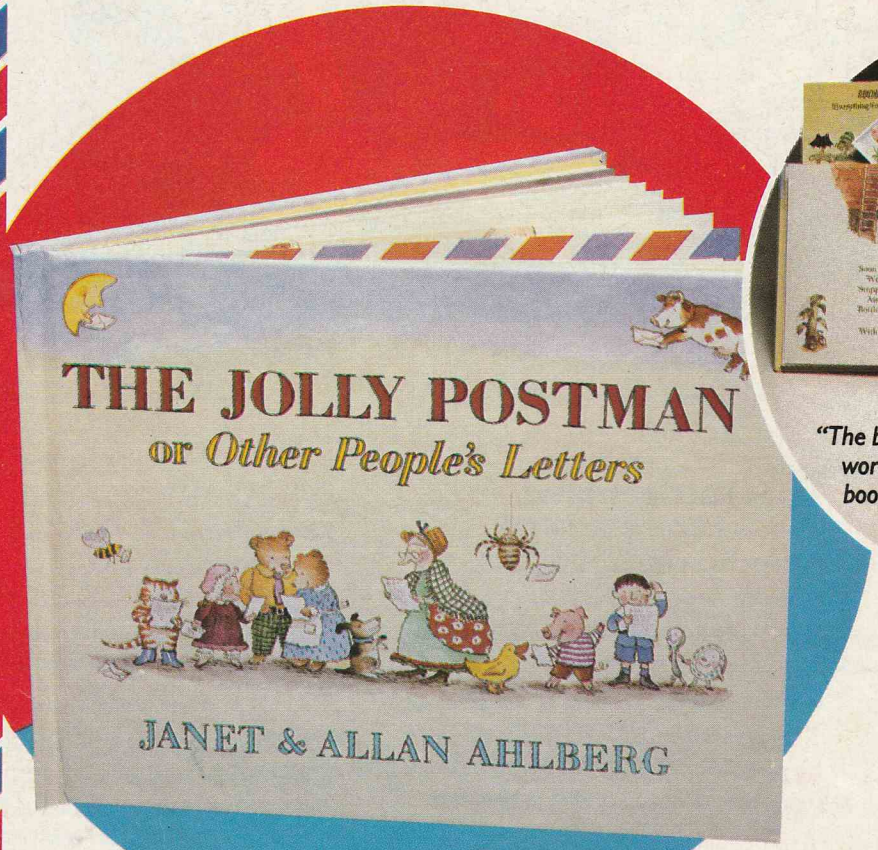

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